

Summer 2013

PRESCHOOL POSSIBILITIES



For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at (812) 349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.

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Inclusive Approach to Recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake, CTRS, for more details: (812) 349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

MONDAYS

Toy Time

The Banneker Community Center is brimming with toys and activities for your child, and comfortable carpeting and chairs for you!

M-F • 9:30 a.m.-noon

FREE • For ages newborn-5 vrs. w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Turf Time for Toddlers

The indoor turf field at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center provides you and your young child with ample space to run, play on our obstacle course, and practice ball throwing and kicking skills. This free-time play is parent supervised while the TLRC provides all the equipment for an hour of healthy physical play. This is a parent/guardian or caretaker supervised program. TLRC staff does not supervise this area during the program and children cannot be dropped off without a parent/guardian or caretaker. For more information, call Megan Schwartz at 349-3770.

M, W • 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$5, FREE for TLRC members. For ages 1–6 yrs. w/parent. Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Monarch Waystation Q & A

Unwrap the mysteries of monarchs with the help of a Parks and Recreation naturalist at the Monarch Waystation at Sherwood Oaks Park. Find out more about why the waystation is an oasis for monarchs. Instructor: Sara Stonaha

M 5/13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE • For all ages.

Sherwood Oaks Park, 1600 E. Elliston Dr.

Summer Food and Fun at Banneker

A nutritious lunch is available at the Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park, with dinner at the Banneker Community Center for children and their families during the summer months. Meals are served from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 3–July 26. Children ages 18 yrs. and under eat free; adult meals are \$5.

Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park, 812 W. Ninth St.

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WEDNESDAYS

Backyard Beach Party

Watch the Banneker backyard become the neighborhood super sunny beach! Grab the sunscreen and watch your preschooler make a castle in the sand, keep cool in the sprinkler, and have fun with beach toys.

W 6/19 • 10-11:30 a.m. Th 7/25 • 10-11:30 a.m.

FREE • For ages 5 yrs. and under w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

FRIDAYS

Bring Home a Butterfly

Watch a caterpillar change into a butterfly right before your eyes! Learn basic butterfly behavior, biology, and care to raise a butterfly at home. Each participant receives a painted lady caterpillar to take home and raise into a beautiful butterfly. Instructor: Derek Greene

F 6/28 • 1–2 p.m. • Register by 6/18 (Code 54003-A) Sa 6/29 • 1-2 p.m. • Register by 6/18 (Code 54003-B) \$10/in-city, \$12/non-city • For all ages. Lower Cascades Park, 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37, Waterfall Shelter

SATURDAYS

Bug Fest



Learn about amazing insects at Bloomington's first ever Bug Fest! Go on an insect safari, handle cool insects, make a craft, and participate in a mealworm race or cricket spitting contest. There will be speakers and information booths on a variety of buggy topics. This event is a collaboration of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Monroe County Parks and Recreation, Sycamore Land Trust, Sassafras Audubon Society, The WonderLab Museum, Monroe County Master Gardener Association, Purdue Extension office, and Hilltop Garden and Nature Center. For more information, call the Purdue Extension office at 349-2575 or visit indiana.edu/~hilltop.

Sa 6/22 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

FREE • For all ages.

Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, 2367 E. 10th St.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BIKE RODEO



TUESDAY, MAY 14 ● 4:30-6:30 P.M. ● FREE FOR AGES 4-12 YRS. W/PARENT. CHILDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 2210 S. HIGH ST.

The Bike Rodeo is a free, family-oriented event that both entertains and educates children on cycling safety and the importance of wearing bike helmets. Participants can bike through an obstacle course, enjoy healthy snacks, and learn something new! Helmets are provided for riders who need them. Bring your own bike. A few bikes will be available for use in the Rodeo.



Svonsored by IU Health Bloomington, SAFE Routes to School.



Indiana University Health

See your favorite vehicles at the 13th annual Touch A Truck! Get up close and personal with fire trucks, ambulances, buses, bucket trucks, and more. Explore the inner workings or the outside gadgets of the big rigs you have always been curious about!

> For more information contact Lynsie Haag at 349-3718 or haagl@bloomington.in.gov. Call the Community Events Hotline at 349-3754 for weather-related cancellations.

Wednesday, June 12 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. \$1/per person • Geared toward ages 1–10 yrs.

Twin Lakes Sports Park, 2350 W. Bloomfield Rd., parking lot; Additional parking is available at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center.

Rain date: June 13

Fourth of July Parade! Thursday, July 4 * 10 a.m.

Bloomington Community Band 9 a.m. on the courthouse square

Fourth of July Parade 10 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Parade Awards on the courthouse square

> Music sponsored by Canine Companions (under new management)

For more information, call 349-3700 or visit our Web site.



Kids get crazy when we let them experiment with all kinds of messy mediums, with no worries about creating chaos in the house! These hands-on activities will delight every youngster who loves to squish, splatter, and fling! Let us take care of the prep time and clean up, while you and your child experience a morning of head-to-toe, ooey gooey good times!

Tuesday, July 16 • 9 a.m.-noon RCA Community Park, 1400 W. RCA Park Dr.

\$5/child • For ages 1–8 yrs. w/parent.

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Friday, August 23 6-8 p.m. • For all ages. Bryan Park, 1001 S. Henderson St.

Come out and PLAY! Bloomington has once again been named a Playful City USA by KaBOOM!, and we intend to celebrate! We'll have games, a bounce house, and playful activities for kids of all ages.

Bryan Park Pool and Mills Pool open May 25!

Pools Hotline: 349-3741

Bryan Park Pool

1020 S. Woodlawn Ave. • 349-3741 Open May 25-September 2

Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Back-to-school hours:

Weekdays, August 7–30 from 3–7 p.m.

Weekends remain 11 a.m.-7 p.m. during this time.

Daily admission rates

Youth (17 yrs. and under) \$2.50 Adult Waterslides* \$2.50

*General admission fee does not include use of waterslides.

Mills Pool

1100 W. 14th St. • 349-3741

Open May 25-August 6 Daily admission rates

Youth (17 yrs. and under) Adult

Economy punch passes available for both pools! Visit our Web site for details.

Operating hours are subject to change based on weather conditions. For updates, call the Pools Hotline. Portions of the main pool may also close for programs, low attendance, or lifeguard shortages.

Swimming Lessons at Bryan Park Pool

We offer lessons for many skill levels! For more information or to register, visit bloomington.in.gov/parks.

> Session I: June 3–14 \$50/in-city, \$60/non-city • Register by 5/31.

Session II: June 17–28 \$50/in-city, \$60/non-city • Register by 6/14.

Session III: July 8–19 \$50/in-city, \$60/non-city • Register by 7/5.

Session IV: July 22–August 2 \$50/in-city, \$60/non-city • Register by 7/19.

